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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in an International application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

International Publication WO 92/12814 (EP 0 568 579) discloses a method and a device for casting in a mold.

## U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0244942 A1

(corresponds to WO 03/028925 A1) discloses an electromagnetic braking device for the ingot in a continuous casting unit.

<u>French Patent Publication No. 2,628,994</u> discloses a method of producing of a metallic thixotropic gel according to which magnetic properties of a permanent magnets are used for creation of intense shear stresses in an alloy the temperature of which is lower than that of the liquid metal.

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